Poultry development board

1546. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to continue a Poultry Development Board shortly;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to assist the Poultry Board with sufficient finance to tackle all the problems of the industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) A proposal to constitute a National Poultry Development Board is under the consideration of Government. Details are being worked out in consultation with State Governments and other Departments of the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

Poultry Farmers

1547. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have assured poultry farmers that all hurdles would be removed to assist their rapid growth;

(b) what are the present constraints in this context;

(c) whether it is a fact that adequate quantity of molasses for poultry feed is not available in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps proposed to assist the poultry industry in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (d) Poultry is primarily a State subject. However, the Central and State Governments have taken up various poultry development programmes to ensure provision of various inputs like quality chicks and poultry feed at reasonable prices, disease control measures etc. The major constraints standing in the way of smooth growth of the poultry industry are lack of marketing support and adequate trained man power. The following major steps are being taken to assist the poultry industry in the country including the state of Andhra Pradesh.

(i) Increasing the availability of quality chicks to poultry farmers.

(ii) Training facilities will be strengthened so that appropriate technology and knowledge is disseminated to workers and farmers on a wide front.

(iii) Encourging export of poultry products by providing the required incentives and logistic support.

(iv) Market intervention operations.

(v) The State/Union Territory Government have been requested to treat poultry farming for production of egg and table poultry at par with agriculture in respect of electric tariff, institutional finance, labour and land laws, sales tax and octroi etc.

(c) Molasses is a de-controlled item and can be procured from anywhere in the country.

गुजरात में उर्वरकों की आवश्यकता

1548. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात में उर्वरकों की प्रतिवर्ष कितनी-कितनी आवश्यकता थी और केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इसका कितनी मात्रा में आवंटन किया गया था ;